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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN POL SUPPLY SITUATION

1. SEPT 16 MOBIL REP DUBRULE GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING INFO RE
ZAIRIAN POL SUPPLY SITUATION:

2. ON SEPT 15 MINISTRY OF FINANCE MADE AVAILABLE \$7 MILLION
TO PETRO-ZAIRE. IN ADDITION PETRO-ZAIRE HAS SOLD A TANKER
LOAD OF SURPLUS FUEL OIL FOR APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION.

3. SHABA: \$1.2 MILLION OF ABOVE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE
POL SUPPLIES FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND ZAMBIA FOR SHABA. HOWEVER,
AT LEAST SIX DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PRODUCTS TO REACH SHABA.
IN THE MEANTIME, THE SUPPLY SITUATION IN THAT AREA WILL BE
VERY BAD AS SUPPLY PIPELINE WAS PERMITTED TO DRY UP DUE TO LACK
OF FUNDS.

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4. KINSHASA: MOST OF REMAINDER OF ABOVE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE CRUDE AND PRODUCTS FOR KINSHASA AND MAJOR PORTION OF INTERIOR SUPPLIED FROM KINSHASA. SUCH FUNDS SHOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES FOR THIS AREA UNTIL APPROXIMATELY THE END OF OCTOBER. ZAIRE'S REFINERY WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL SEPT 19 DUE TO NECESSITY OF CLEANING EQUIPMENT CAUSED BY PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM USE OF ZAIRIAN CRUDE FOR WHICH THE EQUIPMENT AT THE REFINERY IS NOT DESIGNED. DUBRULE STATED THAT PROBLEMS HAD BEEN SO EXTENSIVE THAT HE DOUBTS IF REFINERY WILL USE ANY MORE ZAIRIAN CRUDE.

5. EAST CENTRAL ZAIRE: THERE IS CURRENTLY AN ACUTE POL SUPPLY SITUATION IN RELATIVELY SMALL AREA OF ZAIRE SUPPLIED BY KIGOMA REFINERY IN TANZANIA DUE TO CLOSURE OF THAT REFINERY BECAUSE OF AN ACCIDENT. SHORTAGE CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE UNTIL DAMAGE TO THE REFINERY IS REPAIRED.

6. NORTH EAST ZAIRE: THE SUPPLY ROUTE FROM KENYA VIA UGANDA IS ONCE AGAIN OPEN AND SUPPLIES ARE NORMAL IN THIS AREA.

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